

The Crozier



*"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father."
John 10:14&15*

**Sunday, February 12, 2012
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**



The Candles for February have been given by Freeman & Elsie Jarvis in Memory of Loved Ones

Scripture Readings for Proper 6 are:

2 Kings 5.1-14

Psalm 30

1 Corinthians 9.24-27

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1.40-45



Our Godly Play Story for Sunday, February 12, will be *The Story of St. Valentine*

Dear Friends,

It is Thursday morning as I write this message and the talk around the church is of the storm forecast for the evening. We have certainly seen our share of "winter weather" lately but, as I often remind people, the winter will be short from here on. Even though there may be a few more storms before it is all over, by April the worst will be behind us. This is also a lesson for life in that no storm lasts forever, no matter how powerful it may seem at the time. Even when life seems stormy and dark, there is always the promise of a new day coming. As Christians we are called to have faith and to be people of hope at all times, even when all seems stormy *outside and within*.

I have now visited half of our Confirmation families for this year and it has been delightful for me to get to know everyone better. I will continue my visits for another week or two. I won't be putting a sheet on my office door from now on, but will speak directly with the families to find a convenient time to drop by. This week I do have some time on Monday and Wednesday evenings so, if either of those times works, just let me know and I will plan to come by.

If there are any adults or older teens who would like to be confirmed this year I ask that they speak with me directly. I don't ask older persons to attend classes but rather meet with me a couple of times directly to talk about what Confirmation means for them. If anyone who is older is interested in being confirmed please let me know.

Ash Wednesday will be February 22 and that will begin our Lenten journey in the parish. Along with our regular Lenten services, I will hold a Lenten Quiet Day on March 24 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This is the fourth such day here and the theme this year will be *"Dear God, I really want to believe in you, but ..."* and I will explore the relationship between faith and doubt in a series of four talks. An ad for the day is enclosed with this bulletin. On Good Friday (April 6) we will hold another three-hour service beginning at 12:00 noon. We are considering having a short liturgy for the children and younger persons for the first half hour and then a series of seven meditations upon Jesus' last words from the Cross. I will lead those meditations again this year and all of my talks will be drawn from my ministry among you as I share stories and encounters from ministry in Mount Pearl and the surrounding area.

Our Bethel Series of Adult Christian Education continues and will begin on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm instead of 7:30pm, ending at 9:00pm every night. The revised schedule is as follows and we will conclude the program by the end of March:

February 7 (Study 8) 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

February 14 (Study 9 and 10) 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

February 21 (*No Class, Shrove Tuesday*)

February 28 (Study 11 and 12) 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

March 6 (Study 13 and 14) 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

March 13 (Study 15 and 16) 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

March 20 (Study 17 and 18) 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

March 27 (Study 19 and 20) 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

We have now scheduled our Parish Annual Meeting for Sunday, March 4. All people required to submit reports for our annual report booklet are asked to do so as soon as possible.

With my every blessing,
Father Geoff

The **World Day of Prayer 2012** will be held on Friday, March 2, beginning at 7:30pm at Mary Queen of the World on Topsail Road. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments to follow the Service.

Vestry will meet on Thursday, February 16, beginning at 7:00pm.

The **Stewardship Committee** will meet on Wednesday, February 22, following the Ash Wednesday Evening Church Service.

There will be a **Pancake & Sausage Supper** on Tuesday, February 21, beginning at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$7.00 per Adult or \$4.00 per child and are available by contacting the Parish Office. ***We are seeking donations of Pancake Mix. Donations may be dropped off at the Church during regular Office hours.***

The Youth of the **Parish of the Ascension** in Mount Pearl will be hosting a **Gospel Concert** featuring Jacob's Passage on Friday, February 17, beginning at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$10 each and are available by contacting the Parish of the Ascension or by calling 368-8273. Refreshments will be served. Please come out and support the Youth of the Parish of the Ascension as they prepare to attend *Clay 2012* in August of this year.

Memorial University Chaplaincy presents: "*As We Forgive*" ... can mercy restore what genocide destroyed? This is a powerful documentary based on the search for reconciliation in the aftermath of the Rwandan Genocide. (More information about this movie is available at www.asweforgivemovie.com.) The event begins at 6:30pm on Sunday, February 12, at St. John's Chapel (School of Social Work Building). All are welcome. Admission is Free, and so is parking! For more information on this and other University Chaplaincy events, please visit: www.mun.ca/chaplaincy

Living Justice - A Conversation with Simon Chambers, Communications Coordinator of PWRDF will be held on Saturday, February 25, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at The Parish of the Ascension on Smallwood Drive. Seating is limited, so please RSVP by February 17 to Parish of the Ascension. Lunch will be provided.

Upcoming at **The Lantern**:

"The Third Jesus" Book Study will be held on Saturdays from 10:30am to 12:00noon and run from February 18 to March 10.

T'ai Chi Chih 8 Hour Weekend Beginners Course will be held Friday, February 17, from 6:30pm to 9:15pm, and Saturday, February 18, from 9:30am to 4:15pm with lunch from 12:00noon to 1:30pm.

Winter Labyrinth: A Walking Meditation will be held on Monday, February 20, from 10:00am to 12:00noon and 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Felt Sense Mini Workshops will be held on Wednesday, February 29 and March 7, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Please call The Lantern at 753-8760 for more information or to register for any of the above programs.

Our **Wednesday Cafe** will be resuming on March 7. Please mark this date on your calendar.

St. Michael's Men's Association will host a Shrove Tuesday **Jiggs Dinner** with pancakes for dessert on Tuesday, February 21, at the St. John's Shrine Club on Topsail Road, beginning at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15 and are limited. Call 722-4511 or 579-8279 to obtain tickets.

Let's Talk Transit - Public Transit Study

The City of Mount Pearl has commissioned a study to assess the current transit services, to determine the type and level of transit services and to examine options for the City's future. The success of this study is dependent on input from the community. Whether or not you use public transit, we need to hear from you: A **"Let's Talk Transit" Open House/Drop-In Centre** will be held on Thursday, February 16, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at City Hall. Members of the study team will be available to receive community input that will guide study activities and answer any questions. **Short Online Survey** will be available shortly on the City's website www.mountpearl.ca. The survey is for both transit users and non-transit users. We want to hear about your current travel patterns and your thoughts on existing transit services. **Send an Email or Call.** If you want to speak to a member of the study team directly, send an email (baylward@mountpearl.ca) or call City Hall at 748-1017 or 748-1022. Your input is important to the success of the study. For additional information, please contact: Bronda Aylward, Manager Economic Development & Business Liaison for the City of Mount Pearl, at baylward@mountpearl.ca or call 748-1096.



Services this Week

Sunday, February 19

8:30am Traditional Eucharist (BCP)

11:00pm Family Prayer Service

Parish Mission Statement

"As Good Shepherds, we love God with all our hearts and we love our neighbours as ourselves as we reach out into our world in the name of Jesus Christ."



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